

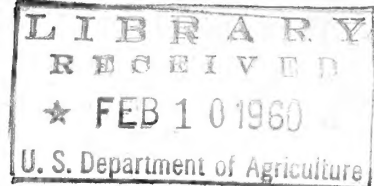
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1960 INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW SPECIAL
"AMNESIA VICTIM" HYBRID BACK BULB CUTTINGS

Among that big lot of plants from the West Coast benches being converted to Cymbidiums, were several boxes of "lost tag" hybrids. The plants were so handsome, and had obviously been such faithful bloom producers, that I had the front division of each potted to grow along and flower here.

But there was the usual accumulation of BACK BULB CUTTINGS, and I haven't the room to devote to growing all of them.

No one can guess the parentage of a Cattleya-type plant that has lost its identification tag! But among this group are the same or similar hybrids as those listed in GROUPS ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR of the preceding two pages.

Every month, every year, you folks prove it all over again — to me and to yourselves! Prove what? That the most economical route to a good, dependable, well balanced collection of big, showy, commercially profitable cut-flower Orchid hybrids is the BACK BULB route.

Back in the old days, when back bulb cuttings had to be started in trays of moist pebbles and then potted in Osmunda, the beginning Orchidist considered himself lucky if he succeeded in saving half to two-thirds of his back bulb cuttings; and still luckier if any of them produced a bloom in less than three years.

But with modernized growing technique and discovery of SILVACON BARK culture, about ninety-eight percent of the back bulbs not only start promptly, but at least one-third of them will bloom the first year. Practically none will take more than two years to flower.

Almost anyone can bloom a hybrid he has bought with buds already well formed in the bloom sheath. But there is a definite sense of accomplishment in starting and maturing a dormant back bulb cutting. When it flowers for you, you're not kidding yourself in thinking you are a grower!

Each cutting has two or more sturdy bulbs and at least one good, live eye. Like all the back bulbs from this commercial grower, many of them will produce a flower the first year. Follow directions on Pages J and 9-A in your folder and all you buy should flower within two years.

If correct identification is not of prime importance to you, where else can you acquire plants of this quality for the small investment you make in back bulb cuttings?

"AMNESIA VICTIM" HYBRID BACK BULB CUTTINGS PRICES:

- 5 cuttings, including bark for potting _____ \$ 6.00
(Parcel Post charges to be refunded when you receive shipment.)
- 12 cuttings (charges collect or to be refunded to me)\$10.00
(Send \$12.00 if you want bark for potting included.)
- *30 or more cuttings (shipping charges collect) @ 60c per cutting

PLEASE NOTE: Your investment in thirty cuttings is only eighteen dollars! If even one of the group turns out to be something rare and unusual, it could be worth more than you paid for the entire thirty! Are you lucky? It's a good gamble.

For those of you who prefer your back bulbs *named*, Page 10 still applies: Balanced selection of six named cuttings, with bark, \$10.00, shipping charges collect. *30 or more named cuttings, \$1.00 per cutting, shipping charges collect. Among the named selections will be Whites, WCL's and shades of lavender and purple.

*No bark included in quantity orders. For SILVACON prices, see Page 9A in your Expansible Folder.

1960 INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW SPECIAL
"COMMUNITY FLASKS"

A customer writes: "My flask is still the center of interest. I'm glad you shipped it when the seedlings were tiny because it is so fascinating to watch them grow in their miniature glass house. I only wish I had enough money to buy more and more and more . . ."

Re-orders I've had from satisfied customers everywhere give testimony that this is the best way to by-pass that old headache, "the community pot!"

From another customer: "I'd rather have forty of your seedlings that stay in the flask and are no trouble at all until ready for 2-inch pots — than a crowded flask of 100 seedlings, of which I must baby and lose half in the community pots!"

If you have not yet invested in a COMMUNITY FLASK, why not try one or more now, proving to yourself how easy it is, and how much *fun*? (See articles X through Z.)

GROUP A COMMUNITY FLASKS - EXTRA CHOICE

No. 235 SLC ANZAC, 'ORCHIDHURST', FCC, RHS X C. HYBRIDA — This cross with that most famous of all RED hybrids has been offered only once before, and then it was necessary to buy three flasks to get it for this Orchid Show single flask price! If you are looking for reds (as who isn't?) and you don't object to the increasingly popular cluster types, this is for you.

No. 283 LC SOUTH ESK, 'JUDY DOIG', FCC, AOS X LC FLORIDA — This awarded South Esk, with its much-in-demand large, bold, round flowers; petals over-lapping sepals; extremely heavy substance and fine, even lavender texture — has also proved itself as a stud, fostering some grand new crosses. The Florida has almost equally good form and substance, and is a dark, glowing, reddish purple. Many of these should win awards for you! Buy now and watch them become valuable assets to your collection.

No. 963 LC OREBUS X BLC CAMEO — Strong, bold, golden yellows, with brilliant red lips are always in demand; and this cross has the added advantage of being a good grower; not puny and temperamental like some. Late Summer-Fall season.

No. 965 BC MIRANDA (C. IRIS, 'LIME ICE' X BC MRS. J. LEEMAN, 'JACK'S') — Our inspiration to remake this cross was that most famous "Miranda", Variety CHARTREUSE QUEEN, AM, RHS, AOS. A long line of hopeful Orchidists are ready to pay \$100 per bulb for a piece of that prized plant, if and when another division is available. Of course, not many of this remake will be exactly like Chartreuse Queen, but with these parents, all should be handsome, and who knows, you might be the lucky grower to have a potential prize winner in your community flask!

GROUP A - ORCHID SHOW SPECIAL - PRICES:

Single 40-seedling flask listed above	\$25.00
Any TWO 40-seedling flasks listed above	\$40.00
One each — ALL FOUR flasks listed above	\$60.00

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GROUP B - COMMUNITY FLASKS - WIDE VARIETY OFFERING

No. 64-2 C. SOURCE D'OR (C. Pittiana, 'Bronze' X Forbesii, aurea) — Buff to bronze.

No. 238 - C. FORBESII AUREA X LC SLENDERELLA — Yellow to gold to orange clusters.

No. 312 - C. GUTTATA, LEOPOLDII X SELF — Green clusters, dotted maroon.

No. 313 - LC POSSESSION POINT X C. AMETHYSTOGLOSSA — Red dotted waxy pink blooms.

No. 315 - C. CLAESIANA ALBA X HENRIETTA JAPHET — Pure White bifoliate.

No. 940 - LC MAX PALM, JR. X C. TANGO — Large, full, rich red-lavender blooms.

No. 945 - BLC FAY ROGERS — (BLC MARION RYERSON, 'MIAMI' X BC HARTLAND, AM) — Hartland back on one of the best Marion Ryersons should insure good percentage of dark blooms.

No. 953 - SLC HERMES, 'RED FLARE' X BLC MARION RYERSON, 'MIAMI' — Rich, dark POTINARAS.

No. 957 - C. MAGGIE BARTEL, 'PURITY' X CLAESIANA ALBA — Larger whites than No. 315.

No. 962 - C. KING GEORGE X B. DIGBYANA — Cream, chartreuse or yellow "Brasso" blooms.

GROUP B - ORCHID SHOW SPECIAL - PRICES:

Single 40-seedling flask listed in Group B	\$10.00
Three or more (your choice)	\$7.50 per flask.

Shipment of flasks must be by Rail Express (shipping charges collect.) Or, buy them now for later shipment, BARE ROOT, by PREPAID AIR MAIL. Safe delivery guaranteed.